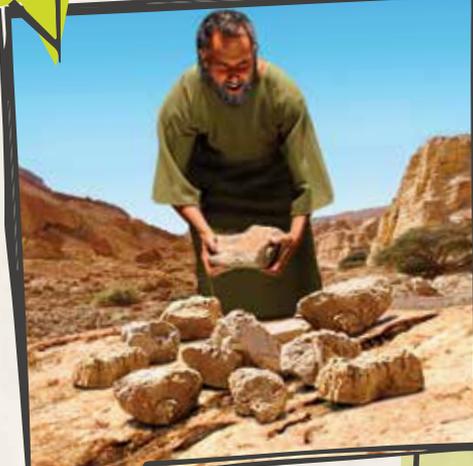


LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING:
God wants me to live in ways that please Him.

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE: Parents, today your child heard that Joshua led the children of Israel into the promised land with God's guidance. Does God guide your family?

KIDS



JOSHUA THE LEADER

The Israelites had camped beside the Jordan River for three days. The land God had promised them was across the river. The officers went through the camp and gave these instructions, "When you see the priests carry the ark of the covenant, break camp (or pack up) and follow it. But don't get too close to the ark!"

Joshua said, "The Lord will do wonders tomorrow." He instructed the priests to take the ark of the covenant and move ahead of the people.

God spoke to Joshua, saying, "I will exalt you before the people so they will know I am with you just as I was with Moses when he was their leader."

Joshua told the people, "Today you will know that God is here with us. The water in the river will be cut off so we can cross."

The priests carried the ark of the covenant ahead of the people. When the priests stepped into the river, the water stood still. Upstream the rushing water of the river piled up and stopped. Downstream the water flowed away. The priests stood on dry ground in the middle of the river while all the people crossed on dry land.

When the people were safely across the river, God gave Joshua instructions for the people. "Choose one man from each tribe. Command each man to take a rock from the riverbed where the priests are standing and carry it to the place where you spend the night. In the future when your children ask the meaning of these stones, you should tell them, 'This is to remember the time God cut off the waters of the Jordan River in front of the ark of the covenant so the people could cross the river on dry ground.'"

—based on Joshua 3:1–4:7

LIVE IT OUT: What are the qualities of a leader? Help your child research Joshua and what made him a great leader. Help your child to understand that Joshua was a great leader because he listened to God and obeyed Him.

DAILY BIBLE READING:

- Sunday: 1 John 2:5
- Monday: Romans 3:26
- Tuesday: Joshua 3:9
- Wednesday: Deuteronomy 11:19
- Thursday: Romans 5:1
- Friday: Joshua 3:10
- Saturday: 1 John 2:25

BIBLE VERSE

Deuteronomy 5:32

TAKE IT FURTHER:
Check out the "Joshua the Leader" section of the Worship for Life: Kids Family App.

